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Mr. Warren C. de Brueys
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Dear Warren:

Thanks for your note, with enclosure. I regret that the press of business has made it impossible for me to respond earlier.

I have discussed your proposals with Hal and thought you would be interested in knowing that we have had to address the very matter you raise in a response we made to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) on July 10, 1978. The HSCA had asked that we modify our policy, which prohibits current and former Bureau employees from reviewing files prior to interview by the Committee. Our response, once again, stated flatly that it would not be possible for the Bureau to accede to such a request since it would be impossible for Agents to review sufficient material to cover the broad range of Committee inquiry. We pointed out that the Bureau has made voluminous reports and other documents available to the Committee, which it may certainly utilize to refresh Agents' memories, if it so desires. If we were now to except you for an after-the-fact review of files for the purpose you stated, the HSCA would then be in a position to ask that we do so with many other Agents.

As a matter of fact, the reports relating to Oswald and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee made by you and Milton Kaack have been made available to the HSCA. Although we cannot be certain the Committee has reviewed them in detail, our records do show that they have been made available to the Committee and were contained in volumes which were, in fact, reviewed by Committee representatives.

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Mr. Warren C. de Brueys

As Hal mentioned in his letter to you, the HSCA has assured us that we will have an opportunity to review its report prior to publication. We trust that such a review will provide the opportunity to identify and address any matters, should they arise, which are not in consonance with the retrievable, written record of investigation, as we know it.

In order to preserve the integrity of our stated policy in these matters, I must decline permission for you to review any files at this time, and I would ask that you bear with us as we maintain a consistent policy.

I am most appreciative of your concern, which demonstrates the pride we all feel for the many contributions of this Bureau.

Sincerely,

James B. Adams
Associate Director